

THE OCALA BANNER.

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MOTTO: THE BANNER, BELIEVING THOSE AT THE TOP WELL ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, HAS TAKEN ITS STAND IN THE BARRICADES WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE, AND ITS FIGHT WILL BE MADE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THOSE AT THE BOTTOM.

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In his Labor Day speech in Tampa Mr. Stockton didn't say a word about the "cigar trust," but, my, how he pounded the far-away trusts.

Mr. Stockton says he has been a friend to the laboring man ever since he was sixteen years old. John has been in politics a long time.

Speaking against trusts does not destroy them. They have been extremely difficult to reach by legislation and up to this time in state and nation anti-trust laws have been futile. They have been reared under the guardianship of protection and cannot long survive under free competition that free trade will give.

The editor of the Pensacola Press says that "Plain John Smith" has been wrongly informed—that the Standard Oil Company has never reduced the price of kerosene oil from sixty to twenty cents per gallon but has kept the price up to twenty cents when it was not for the Standard Oil Co., having a corner on it, the price would not be more than five cents per gallon.

The Metropolis is editorially discussing the suggestion of the retirement of Hon. Robt. W. Davis from the gubernatorial contest in favor of Florida's civil war hero, General Robert Bullock. The mere fact that the Metropolis finds it important enough for editorial discussion proves that the proposition is not an absurd one and as the campaign advances it will grow in importance and like Baugh's ghost "will not down."

Hon. H. W. Long, chairman of the board of county commissioners, whose active interest in all that concerns the welfare of Marion county is too well known to need comment, had on exhibition Tuesday at the court house, a sample stalk of corn grown at the poor farm with three large and fully developed ears of uniform size. This was the regular old field corn and was merely a sample of the general crop.

I could not rise to my feet without fainting.

"I had suffered for three years or more at monthly periods," writes Miss Ella Sapp, of Jamestown, Guilford Co., N. C. "It seemed as though I would die with pains in my back and stomach. I could not rise to my feet at all without fainting; had given up all hope of ever being cured, when one of my friends insisted upon my trying Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. With but little faith I tried it, and before I had taken half a bottle I felt better, had better appetite and slept better. Now I have taken two bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and one of 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and am happy to say I am entirely cured, and all done in two months' time when all other medicines had failed to do any good at all."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets a pleasant and effective laxative for women.



STOCKTON AND THE NEWSPAPERS.

Mr. Thomas Jefferson worshipped at the shrine of the newspapers. He believed that they were not only potential factors along the lines of material development but great pillars of strength in upholding the principles and maintaining the dominant ideas upon which free government rests.

If he had to choose, he said, between a government without soldiers or without newspapers he would let the soldiers go. It was his opinion that an unshackled press was greater in strengthening the hands of free government than an army with banners.

"In America," said Wordsworth to Emerson, when the two poets met and were discussing this great country together, "I wish to know not how many churches or schools, but how many newspapers you've got."

This great poet believed that if there were an abundance of newspapers and they were read by the masses that democracy was secure.

A justice of the supreme court of the United States has just given out the opinion that the press in enabling us every day to know our fellow citizens throughout the land has removed antipathies and misunderstandings, increased our sympathies and helped us to realize the purpose announced in the constitution "to form a more perfect union." He also sees in the press a powerful influence toward the solution of our many and deep social problems, especially by bringing them before the court of public opinion, "a court of increasing wisdom and power, mightier than any organized tribunal."

Whitlaw Reid says that the editor is by no means a prophet, but reverently he said, he is a voice in the wilderness preparing the way; he is by no means a priest but his words carry wider and further than the priests and he preaches the gospel of humanity. He is not a king but he nurtures and trains the king, and the land is ruled by the public opinion he evokes and shapes. If you value this good land the Lord has given us, if you would have a soul in this marvelous civilization and a lifting power for humanity, look well to the nurture and training of your kind.

So great is its influence being felt in this country and is growing so rapidly that Mr. Joseph Pulitzer has just given two millions of dollars to found a school of journalism.

At no period in the history of the world was journalism more potential than it is today or commanded greater respect.

Alongside of the great utterances of the great men we have quoted how insignificant appears the criticism of Mr. Stockton that the newspapers in Florida not supporting him have parted with their influence for a consideration.

We hope he did not make this statement for it is an unfortunate statement for a person aspiring for high office to make and will react upon him with increasing weight.

Who believes that the Levy County Times-Democrat, the Gainesville Star, the Polk County News and other newspapers ardently advocating Mr. Stockton's election are doing so for a money consideration.

If Mr. Stockton does not improve his methods, revise his statements and equip himself with more intellectual weapons, long before the campaign is ended he will be asking for a millstone to be placed about his neck.

Broward for Governor.

Hon. N. B. Broward, the possible occupant of the governor's chair for the coming term, and who has been in Pensacola for the past few days, has gone to Berlin, in Hamilton county, Fla., where he will take part in a big political gathering and the formal announcement of his candidacy be made. Mr. Broward was well pleased with all he found in Pensacola, but he is just recovering from an attack of malarial fever, it was out of the question for him to enjoy himself in any way. He will make his announcement to the gathering at the little Florida city tomorrow, and may probably visit this city again in the very near future.—Pensacola News.

JUPITER-AMMON ON THE RIGHT OF CRITICISM.

To the Editor of the Ocala Banner.

I have been taught that in the United States the citizen is a sovereign and it is his right to criticize the public record and public utterances of those seeking public office and that it is no sin to do so under a nom de plume providing always that the criticism is proper, legitimate and true.

No person, under his own name or under an assumed name, has a right to make an unfair or untruthful criticism of a candidate's record as a citizen or as an official.

The only criticism that I made of Senator Brown's record, to which exception was taken, is the following:

"Mr. Brown takes no position upon any of the issues that were uppermost when he was elected to the senate, or that have arisen since, unless it is the taxing of franchises and I have heard it asserted by those in a position to know that he voted against a proposition of this kind in his place in the senate during the last session of the legislature."

This statement was vehemently denied in the Evening Star, and, if after investigation, it was found that the denial was true and I had done the honorable gentleman a wrong I had intended to make a public acknowledgment of the fact, but the record proves that my information was correct, and I am really sorry that it did so.

In the Journal of the Senate, June 4th, 1903, pages 85 and 89, the disposition of the bill taxing franchises is given.

Here it is:

Mr. Scott moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 111 be taken up out of its order and now considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And, Senate Bill No. 111:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for and require the payment of taxes on franchises, and to prescribe the method for the return and payment of said taxes.

Was taken up.

Mr. Scott moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 111 be read a second time by its title only.

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Mr. Raney moved that Senate Bill No. 111 be indefinitely postponed.

The yeas and nays were demanded to indefinitely postpone.

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Brown, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Neel, Peacock, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of the 7th, Wilson of the 4th—21.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Butler, Carson, Crews, Palmer, Scott, Stockton, Williams—9.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was agreed to.

The extract quoted needs no explanation for it is known that to "indefinitely postpone" a bill is the same as knocking it in the head with a sledge hammer.

In the face of the record I believe it will be conceded that in my criticism Mr. Brown was done no injustice.

JUPITER-AMMON.

Labor Day at Tampa.

Gov. W. S. Jennings and Hon. John N. C. Stockton made Labor Day speeches at Tampa on Monday. Both of them took occasion to announce their candidacy for the United States senate. Governor Jennings said that if elected to the senate he would go into that high office untrammelled and with the determination to work for the best interests of the state and would consecrate himself to its great service.

Mr. Stockton said he was glad to discuss the great problem of labor. He paid a tribute to John Mitchell, of coal strike fame and said the great trouble in this country now is the "bought newspaper." That it was the subsidized press of the state that caused him to meet "his Waterloo" at Punta Gorda.

A woman who though over 80 has cheeks like a wild rose always uses a little cornmeal in the water when she washes her face. This used to be a famous beautifier in the days of our grandmothers.

POLITICAL CHIPS

FROM THE STATE PRESS.

Governor Jennings must not be lacking in bravery or he would be afraid to stand on that old 1898 platform.—Palatka Herald.

Mr. Stockton's conduct at Punta Gorda proves conclusively that we do not want him in the United States senate. Our people have no desire to Tillmanize Florida.—Florida Index.

Broward may have been successful in landing filibustering expeditions in Cuba, but just because of this he should not think that he can land in the gubernatorial chair.—Palatka Herald.

THE PUNTA GORDA POLITICAL SCRAP.

At Punta Gorda last Thursday John said that Jim was a liar; and when Jim got up John said Jim was not a liar. Political speakers do tangle themselves up mightily sometimes.—Pensacola Press.

An illicit distillery is said to have been discovered in a phosphate mine. Perhaps that accounts for John N. C. Stockton's allusion at Punta Gorda to "corn" being dug out of the ground.—St. Augustine Record.

A SLIGHT TIP.

The Democrat is of the opinion that the best interest of this congressional district could be served by calling off the present list of candidates for congress and taking a new start.—Suwanee Democrat.

Whatever the people of Florida may do with Governor Jennings and Hon. C. M. Brown they should send them as delegates to the next presidential convention; they would make such valuable members of the platform committee.—Pensacola News.

WOODS ARE FULL OF 'EM.

Alfred St. Clair-Abrams has announced his candidacy for attorney general, and Wm. H. Ellis, of Quincy, is also after the same position. Senator Kirk, of Brooksville, is a new man in the race for secretary of state. The woods will be full.—Miami Metropolis.

The departure of the train for Ocala before his name was reached on the program prevented Hon. C. M. Brown from speaking at Punta Gorda. No doubt this was a put up job on the part of the railroads, and if we were in Mr. Brown's place we would tell the toiling masses all about it. The train had no business to leave Punta Gorda at that day.—Starke Telegraph.

A TALLIAFERRO ADVOCATE.

If John Stockton and Jim Talliaferro's canvass is to be conducted by them along the lines begun at Punta Gorda, the voters at the ensuing primary may conclude that both of them are too "hot mustard" to fill a seat in the United States senate, and select Billie. However, it is contended that Talliaferro did nothing but what any brave, honest man would have done in his place.—Madison Record.

So far as we have seen the Bronson Times-Democrat and the St. Petersburg Times are the only papers in the state that have come out openly in advocacy of John N. C. Stockton for United States senator, and are, therefore, according to Mr. Stockton's theory, the only papers that have not been paid to fight him. Our heart goes out to editors Farmer and Straus, who are working these hot days to save the country, while the rest of us have nothing to do but wield a palm leaf and draw our pay.—Starke Telegraph.

JENNINGS' PLATFORM.

He declared in favor of the selection of candidates for offices by the primary system in spite of the fact that almost every appointment he has made to fill vacancies has been over the protest of the recognized party authorities or without any attempt whatever to learn the sentiment of the people in reference to his proposed appointees. On the whole his candi-

didacy has awakened just about as much enthusiasm in this section as does the mention of Grover Cleveland for president.—DeFuniak Springs.

The practice that has grown up in Florida of every candidate building his own platform to run on shows the utter demoralized condition of the democratic party in this state. It has come to that pass that it is no longer sufficient for an aspirant for office to say to the people, like D. B. Hall, "I am a democrat." Everybody is a democrat; but there are so many kinds of democrats that the word seems to have lost its distinctive meaning. If this confused, rattle-saw condition of democracy was confined to Florida it would not be so serious a matter, but it is the same everywhere. It seems almost useless to hope for party success until a strong organization can be built up on a few recognized general principles to which all can subscribe.—Pensacola News.

MR. BROWN'S PLATFORM.

The platform of C. M. Brown, candidate for governor, is now at the mercy of the press, and as he is thus far running on his "rep," it is being ruthlessly torn to pieces and the fragments passed on to the next. Since Mr. Brown appears to be friendly to everything and everybody, and having an inoffensive platform that can certainly do injury to no person, firm or corporation, and to which no one can possibly raise any objections as far as it goes, as it deals only with those things which all mankind have for years thoroughly agreed upon, it is difficult to see why it should prove an unpleasant dream to so many critics. What would they do if Mr. Brown really took a stand upon the issues of the day?—Gadsden County Times.

ANOTHER SOLOMON.

Albert Williamson on the Talliaferro-Stockton Senatorial Contest.

We have heard and read various and sundry comments upon the opening campaign at Punta Gorda, and the consensus of opinion seems to be that the Hon. John N. C. Stockton, in the position of the Irishman who attempted to kill the frog with the butt of the scythe and forgetting the blade above his neck, chopped his own head off.

We make this simile unwillingly. We have never trained in politics with Mr. Talliaferro. We have, in fact, always been at variance. We fought his election in 1898 as we have never fought any candidate before. For this we have no apologies to make. We would again pursue the same course under similar circumstances. We were then actuated by principle.

There is no principle in the present contest. It is an insatiable greed for public office, intensified by the rivalry and petty jealousy of two political and personal enemies.

The people of Florida should not, and we believe will not, take any stock in such a contest. They should weigh the qualifications of the two men carefully and impartially in the scales of justice.

In the past three years James P. Talliaferro has been the hired sergent of the people of Florida in Washington. If he does wrong, common decency and justice demands an exposition of such misconduct. If, on the other hand, he has been faithful to the trust reposed in him, then nothing but arrant cowardice should deter us from such an acknowledgment.

As for our own attitude, we have been loath to "render tribute to whom tribute is due." We sincerely hoped that something would transpire at the opening campaign at Punta Gorda that would "break the continuity" in the official record of Mr. Talliaferro while serving his state in the national capitol.

In this we were grievously disappointed. The arguments used by Stockton, his opponent, would have been good in advocating the re-establishing of a railroad commission. But this commission has not been an issue since its establishment in 1897; and the vituperation heaped upon certain wholesale firms in the state, for receiving rebates, long after it has

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition, vigor and cheerfulness, and causes one to become an invalid. It is a disease that is prevalent for a long time before it is fully formed, and it is often accompanied by backache, rheumatism, and other ailments. It is a disease that is often overlooked, and it is a disease that is often fatal.

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